

CANAL BILL FOR MONDAY

Senator Morgan May Press a Vote and Then Withdraw the Measure.

THURSTON WILL FINISH HIS SPEECH

Quotation Treaty to Be Pushed and Bankruptcy Bill to Come Up When Other Matters Are Out of the Way.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—If Senator Morgan pursues his present plan he will move to take up the Nicaragua canal bill during the morning hour Monday.

He expects the vote to be largely in the majority, but whatever the result he probably will announce his abandonment of the bill for the present session on account of the determination of the senate to pass the canal bill at the same time he will decline his purpose to press the measure with more determination than ever at the next session.

The withdrawal of the Nicaragua bill from its present place at the head of the calendar will leave the way open for taking up other measures pressing for consideration.

The appropriation committee expects to have the Indian and agricultural bills reported by Wednesday, and will ask for early consideration.

Senator Thurston will seek the first opportunity to conclude his speech on the Pacific railroad regulations. Senator Morrill has given notice of his intention to advance a bill to prohibit the sale of liquor in the capitol, and Senator Sherman will abide by his decision to ask the senate to go into executive session early Monday.

The government is considering the general arbitration treaty with Great Britain.

As soon as these matters will permit the senate will proceed with the bankruptcy bill, and it is not expected there will be any avowed opposition to its consideration.

The arbitration treaty will be held in executive session and will be long and animated. Wednesday the senate will join with the house to see the effect of the conference report on the immigration bill as soon as the house acts upon it, which he thinks will be done the latter part of the present week.

The feature of the week in the house will be the conference on Wednesday of the counting of the electoral vote and the formal promulgation of the election of McKinley and Hobart.

It is a state occasion, but of a very formal character. Unless the fortifications or sundry civil bill is reported, the house will have no appropriation bill to consider this week, and most of the time will be devoted to the counting of the electoral votes.

There are three contested election cases, Beattie against Pelen from Louisiana, Hopkins against Kendrick from Kentucky, and Bennett against Boatner, which probably will be decided. In each case the majority report favors the incumbent.

Secretary Francis Cuts Down the Number from Eighteen to Nine.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The president has signed, on the recommendation of Secretary of the Interior Francis, an important order reducing the number of pension agencies in the United States from eighteen to nine.

The object of the order is to effect a very large saving to the government without inconveniencing the pensioners. The secretary demonstrates that by this reduction of the pension agencies the cost of disbursement of the pension money will be at least \$150,000 per annum.

The change was made possible by an amendment to the law covering the removal of agencies, which was approved March 21, 1896. It required that all pensioners should after that date be paid by checks remitted by mail.

FOR UNREQUITED LOVE

Joseph Lafond Takes His Own Life by Use of Carbolic Acid.

SECOND ATTEMPT FOR THE SAME CAUSE

His Affections Were Lavished Upon the Wife of the Man with Whom He Had Been Bedding for Four Years.

"I die because I love you too much to live without you. I often told you I would not give you up. You are mine in life and mine in death. I believe you love me, so good-bye. Yours forever, Joseph Lafond."

The foregoing misgives explains the sudden taking from the world of Joseph Lafond at his room, 2121 Leavenworth street, last evening shortly before 6 o'clock. Unrequited love for Mrs. Clara Hughes, wife of Matthew Hughes, a barber at the above number, together with a large quantity of liquor which he had been drinking, brought about the death of a man who in life was a remarkably handsome person.

Lafond, who was a tinner by trade, has boarded with the family of Matthew Hughes for a period of four years. Last evening about 6 o'clock Mrs. Hughes sent their son Walter to call their boarder in his supper. She knew he had been drinking excessively and while in this condition it was always difficult to induce him to partake of his meals. Young Hughes, upon entering the room, found his father stretched out on the bed and evidently suffering acute agony. Much alarmed he quickly summoned the rest of the family and it became apparent that Lafond had attempted to commit suicide. A physician was sent for but despite all efforts to resuscitate him he died in a few minutes. Death was caused by a large dose of carbolic acid.

LOVED ANOTHER'S WIFE

The incidents leading up to the death of Lafond are somewhat romantic. Four years ago he met the woman who was to become his wife. She was at that time married and the possessor of several children, he formed a mad infatuation for her. He was heard to murmur to himself, "I will be with you, and I will be with you, and I will be with you."

Lafond was employed at the time by the firm of J. H. & C. Co., and he was in the habit of visiting the family of William Lytle Dickey, and as it was not thought he would relinquish his job, the Hughes family had to be content with the fact that Lafond was in the habit of visiting them. The family had barely taken up quarters in the Missouri town when Lafond dropped in on them one day and a fortnight later he was back again. The husband protested, but what Lafond said went. He secured a position and continued his love-making.

LOVED IT ONCE BEFORE

Things went along in the old channel until Mrs. Hughes demanded that they cease, and then upon the evening of August 28, 1896, she was again visited by Lafond. He was scribbling the following to Mrs. Hughes: "I die because I love you," swallowed the poison.

Prompt Work by Physicians Saved Lafond

back to the troubles of earth once more, and he continued to love the wife of his host. A few days later he was again in the mind of Mr. Hughes, and about four months ago he and his family returned to this city, and he started in business again. He was the first visitor received after the house was furnished. He demanded that the family should move to the new house. He threatened if they did not comply with his demands he would waylay the members one by one and exterminate them.

HAS BEEN AT WORK

For the past two months the deceased was unable to secure employment at his trade, and his connection with his drinking has been a constant source of trouble. The death, which occurred last evening, was the result of several days' debauch.

Among other effects found upon the body

were a number of blank checks upon the Omaha Savings bank, which would tend to show that Lafond was in a desperate financial condition. A photograph of Mrs. Hughes, upon the back of which was scribbled, "This is my sweet wife Clara," and some addresses, which were found upon the body, were taken in Montreal, Canada, and were taken charge by Coroner Burkett. The deceased left no money.

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Lafond had a father living in Montreal, Canada, and that he had been away from his home about a year. He was a Canadian by birth, and was 33 years of age at the time of his demise. Lafond had the reputation of being an excellent workman, and was never known to drink excessively, except when laboring under his strange passion. He was known by various names, and his true name, Joseph Lafond, was known to Joseph and Joe White. The remains were removed by the coroner to the morgue, where an inquest will be held today at 2 o'clock.

The poison was purchased by Lafond at

Fogg's drug store, Twelfth and Capitol avenues, yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. A full account of his former attempt at suicide was published in the St. Joseph Herald, dated August 29, a copy of which was furnished the coroner by Mrs. Hughes. Mrs. Hughes also states that about a month ago Lafond signed the pledge, but fell from grace, and was found in the spring. Yesterday the Minneapolis Brewing company completed the purchase from Prescott & Bidwell, indirectly, of a tract of land sufficient to build a large brewery.

Three Friends Labeled

JACKSONVILLE, Feb. 7.—The steamer Three Friends was seized and lashed upon its return yesterday from a towing trip down the coast. The vessel was mounted upon the bank of the San Juan river while endeavoring to land an expedition. The persons named in the label are John O'Brien, W. C. Walsh and Ralph D. O'Brien. The vessel was seized by the revenue cutter, and the bond of \$50,000, which was immediately furnished, was returned to the vessel upon the special provision that a deputy marshal should be placed on board and have authority to arrest any person who in case an attempt should be made at any time to violate the law.

Operator Causes a Wreck

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 7.—A head-on collision between the Louisville & Nashville road, near Myers switch, ten miles north of Montgomery, resulted in the wreck of the telegraph operator in falling to his death. The train was carrying a heavy load of telegraph material. The operator, who was believed to be intoxicated, was killed and the train was derailed. The wreckage was scattered over a large area, and the operator's body was found near the site of the collision.

Buy a Site for the Academy

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—After two years of uncertainty as to its new and permanent location, the members of the National Academy of Design have bought a site for a future home at Amsterdam avenue and One Hundred and Twenty street. The purchase price is \$25,000. The location is admirably situated on University Heights.

Resignation is Gaining Strength

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—Morris Rosenthal, the great pianist, has recovered his health sufficiently to take a trip to southern California. He will resume his concert work in the city the latter part of March, and then return to the city of the west.

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LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 7.—An ice gorge, fifteen feet high and thirty miles long, which has been forming for several days gave way this afternoon. Several New Orleans and Memphis packets have been caught in the ice. The water is running so fast that it is impossible to find refuge in the tributaries. The loss may be large. A telephone message from the scene late tonight states that the Buckeye State ran into the ice and was wrecked. The water was five feet deep. The water was five feet deep. The water was five feet deep.

Plague Breaks Out in Afghanistan

LONDON, Feb. 8.—A dispatch from Tashkend, Asiatic Russia, says that the governor of the Transcaspian territories reports an outbreak of the plague at Kandahar, Afghanistan. A large body of Russian troops has accordingly been ordered to form a cordon around the Amoo-Darig, or Turkestan region.

Reforms Are in Good Faith

MADRID, Feb. 7.—Cristino Canovas de Castille in an interview announces that the government intends to faithfully execute the proposed Cuban reforms, and that it will not be necessary to wait for the completion of the reforms. He says that it is sufficient if the rebellion is confined to the western portions of the island, Marquis of Apelestegui says that Captain General Weyer should not be entrusted with their execution.

Pacific Search for Missing Ship

ST. JOHN, N. F., Feb. 7.—The steamer Nimrod, which left here a week ago in search of the missing steamer State of Georgia, was sighted from Cape Race this evening, twelve miles off working her way back to St. John's. It is evident, therefore, that the Nimrod has fallen in her mission.

Hamburg Strike Riots

HAMBURG, Feb. 7.—The riots which followed the recent collapse of the dockers' strike are serious. Knives and revolvers were freely used. A number of persons were injured, including several workmen. Nearly 100 arrests have been made.

Pope Celebrates Mass

ROME, Feb. 7.—The pope celebrated mass this morning before fifty-seven persons, representing different nationalities. Afterwards he received Cardinal Marco Mocceni.

Troubles in the Business World

PORTSMOUTH, O., Feb. 7.—Application has been for the appointment of a receiver for the Yellow Poplar Lumber company, of Columbus, O., which has its headquarters in Chicago, and is capitalized for \$100,000. The complaint, T. N. Ross, a partner in the company, filed in court, says that the company is indebted to the Bank National Bank of Chicago, of which Lyman J. Gage is president, for the sum of \$50,000. The petition will be heard on Saturday next.

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